

CLASSIFICATION **SECRET**

REPORT

COUNTRY **East Germany**TOPIC **Return to Sperenberg of a Unit with New Amphibious Vehicles**

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EVALUATION

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DATE OF CONTENT

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DATE PREPARED **20 October 1954**

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REMARKS **This is UNEVALUATED Information**

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1. Soldiers and materiel detained at the barracks installation on Schumke Lake (3441) on 5 and 6 October 1954 included:

5 October. A shipment of 36 track-laying amphibious vehicles.

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6 October. At about 0400, 28 track-laying amphibious vehicles. At 0900, a shipment of 22 track-laying amphibious vehicles, 6 trucks, 2 field kitchens and 2 boxcarloads of soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia.

2. The units, which had an estimated 300 soldiers, were quartered as previously north of Hege Lake. Thereafter, the Schumke installation was occupied by a total of approximately 2,300 soldiers. The welcome by the Soviet families living there indicated that the troops were those previously observed there. Motor vehicle

were seen.

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Comment. the three shipments came from Guesen. This unit with track-laying amphibious vehicles transferred from Sperenberg to Guesen on 2 trains totaling 75 flatcars on 11 September. An additional 13 similar amphibious vehicles presumably arrived at Guesen from the USSR on 15 September. It is thus believed that a total of approximately 80 of these amphibious vehicles were assembled in the Guesen area after 15 September. The 86 amphibious vehicles mentioned in the present report appear credible since, the three return shipments included 91 flatcars and Rym-type flatcars. distinguished between the standard-type amphibious vehicles with wheels and the new track-laying type, equipment of this special unit with more than 80 new track-laying amphibious vehicles appears possible.

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